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Adventist Youth Plan for First Integrated Meeting in Dallas

The Black Dispatch
Okla. City, Okla.
On May 5, a group of 30 young people of the Beulah Adventist church will leave the city en route to Dallas, Texas, to attend the Southwestern Union Youth Congress. The meeting will convene from May 4-7, and will be the first integrated youth meeting this region has ever held.

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Over 6,000 young men and women will be in attendance at this meeting where emphasis will be placed on preparing its young people to face the problems of sin and vice in this world.

The three-day congress will include workshops, featuring the Pathfinder club activities, integrated mass choir, national and world speakers, and the highlight of the meeting will be the presentation of human trophies (young people who have just recently joined the church) from Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and New Mexico.

Unusual Real Estate Deal Brought Negroes A Church

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By JAMES C. FELDER JR.

Do You Know Your South Carolina?

Centenary AME Church at 60 Wentworth St.—built in 1842 as a white Baptist church—came to its present congregation in an unusual real estate transaction nearly a century ago.

In 1866, the congregation of Wentworth Street Baptist Church had lost many members in the Civil War. The people of the church decided to merge with the congregation of the Citadel Square Baptist Church.

When the decision was made, the church was put on the market for \$20,000. There was a Negro congregation without a church building that was interested in purchasing the building.

When the negotiations began the price jumped to \$20,000 in gold—which carried a premium of 50 per cent—or a total of \$30,000.

The Methodist congregation immediately began raising funds for the purchase. It was found that there was not \$20,000 available in the entire city of Charleston. Some of the members even contributed money that was saved for their burial.

A broker was authorized to purchase the needed amount of precious metal in New York city. The gold was placed in a chest and sent to Charleston.

A stipulation of the contract was the sale had to take place during the banking day of April 10, 1866. The gold arrived in Charleston the morning of the 10th. The box was immediately carried to the meeting place and the transaction took place at exactly noon on the 10th.

Presently the church is undergoing repairs on the outside of the main auditorium and the parsonage. The church is also having a gas heating boiler installed at the cost of approximately \$14,000. Financing is by contribution from members and friends.

The present membership is 350. Rev. John E. Spears is pastor of the church. J. Irving Shecu is chairman of the board of trustees.



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CLASSIC EXTERIOR OF CENTENARY AME CHURCH
Repairs And Painting Planned By Congregation

Bishop Accused Of Whitewashing AME Ministers

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—Bishop Sherman L. Greene of the AME Church's Florida District has been accused by local civic leader Frank Hampton of trying to cover this city's AME ministers with glory for "leading the fight to integrate recreational facilities," after having virtually ordered them two years ago to publicly wash their hands of it.

• This sensational charge, made by Hampton in an exclusive interview with *The Courier*, was prompted by citations, recently, handed out by Bishop Greene to eight Jacksonville AME ministers, during a church convocation, held at Palatka.

Five of the eight were cited for "leading" the fight for integration of recreation actually were among 11 AME ministers who, reportedly, at Bishop Greene's insistence, signed a letter to the "Florida Times-Union," Nov. 15, 1959, in which they said:

• "The AME Church Alliance wishes to announce that it is not partner to the court case and has withdrawn the name of the AME Church from any connection with the legal suit."

• "Far from being leaders, they were quitters," Hampton told *The Courier*. "In fact, they went out of their way to quit something they never had anything to do with in the first place."

At the time of the ministers' public hand-washing, back in 1959, Hampton opined, as reported in *The Courier* of Dec. 5, of that year, that the AME hierarchy was afraid of losing \$25,000 per year which comes from the city, and \$50,000 which comes from the county, for support of the AME's Edward Waters College, here.

A COUPLE of days before publication of the ministers' letter in the white daily, a group of them were seen emerging from the office of Mayor Haydon Burns. *The Courier* reported at that time.

Taking part in the 1959 hand-washing were the Revs. R. J. Blaine, vice president of the Jacksonville AME Alliance; J. T. MacMillan, secretary; A. P. Postell, presiding elder of the Jacksonville District; A. J. Dayley, presiding elder of St. Augustine District; R. A.

King, D. W. Welcome, Frank J. Jones, H. Hollis Hooks, T. E. Shehee, C. E. Toston and D. B. Thorpe.

The five above-named, recently, cited by Bishop Greene for "leadership" are the Revs. MacMillan, Blaine, Shehee, Welcome and King. Also cited were the Revs. J. S. Johnson, A. R. Richardson and R. Elwin Lamb.

"Of those cited, only the Rev. Mr. Johnson was party to the successful suit instituted by me and my associates," Hampton told *The Courier*. "Truly, he deserves an accolade, because he steadfastly refused to withdraw from our suit, even though Bishop Greene threatened to take his church away from him unless he did so."

HAMPTON POINTED out that in joining in the suit, the Rev. Mr. Johnson did so purely as an individual, and at no time did any AME organization, as such, become party to it.

Two other AME ministers, among those cited, did join with Hampton, as individuals, in suing to prevent the city from selling the public golf courses. These were: the Revs. Richardson and Welcome. But when the ruling went against them and they were ordered to reimburse the city \$500 in court costs, it was Hampton, alone, who footed the entire bill.

As for the final "leader" cited, the Rev. Mr. Lamb, he has behaved, always, like a perfect lamb, Hampton declared.

• "Nobody blames these ministers for being cited as leaders," Hampton went on. "Maybe they couldn't help it. But in all modesty, most of them should have declined the honor. I do not blame Bishop Greene for first inspiring the AME ministers to wash their hands of our suit, and then, after we had won, pinning medals on them for leading the

fight.

"There is plenty of room for leadership," he concluded. "For example, if the ministers want to earn their new title, let them take the lead in raising the \$3,500 needed to appeal the pool and golf cases. So far, there is only \$1,600 in the kitty."



AME CHURCH treasurer, Dr. Robert W. Mance (left) of Washington, D. C., turns over three checks to Rev. Ralph Jackson (center) director of the minimum salary department, while senior Bishop S. L. Greene of Atlanta, looks on, at headquarters in Memphis. Checks represent funds held by church treasurer Mance to be released to the new salary supplement department as first quarterly checks. Nearly 1000 ministers will share in the first allotment of \$200,000.

4.M.E. Conferees Protest Segregation

Russellville Mayor Expresses Regret Over Discrimination In Restaurants

By TOM DUNCAN

Courier-Journal South Kentucky Bureau

Russellville, Ky., Oct. 19.—Leaders of the Kentucky Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church have protested against segregation of public facilities during their annual meeting here.

Bishop Charles Eubank, homes and being served meals at the A.M.E. Zion Church here. Tucker and the Rev. James A. Crumlin, both of Louisville, Mr. Crumlin said the conditions were crowded and many of the homes substandard, lacking indoor toilets and the like. said they particularly objected to the refusal of restaurants to serve Negroes in the same way as whites.

They said Negroes had made no effort to register at hotels or motels. But Bishop Tucker said much efforts will be made at future church conventions. "We would fall short in our Christian duty if we didn't speak out against the human inequalities," he said.

Regret Expressed

Mayor J. Taylor Fuqua expressed regret over the situation. He pointed out that his bus-line facilities are integrated, but he added:

"I try to take care of my business and let the other man run his."

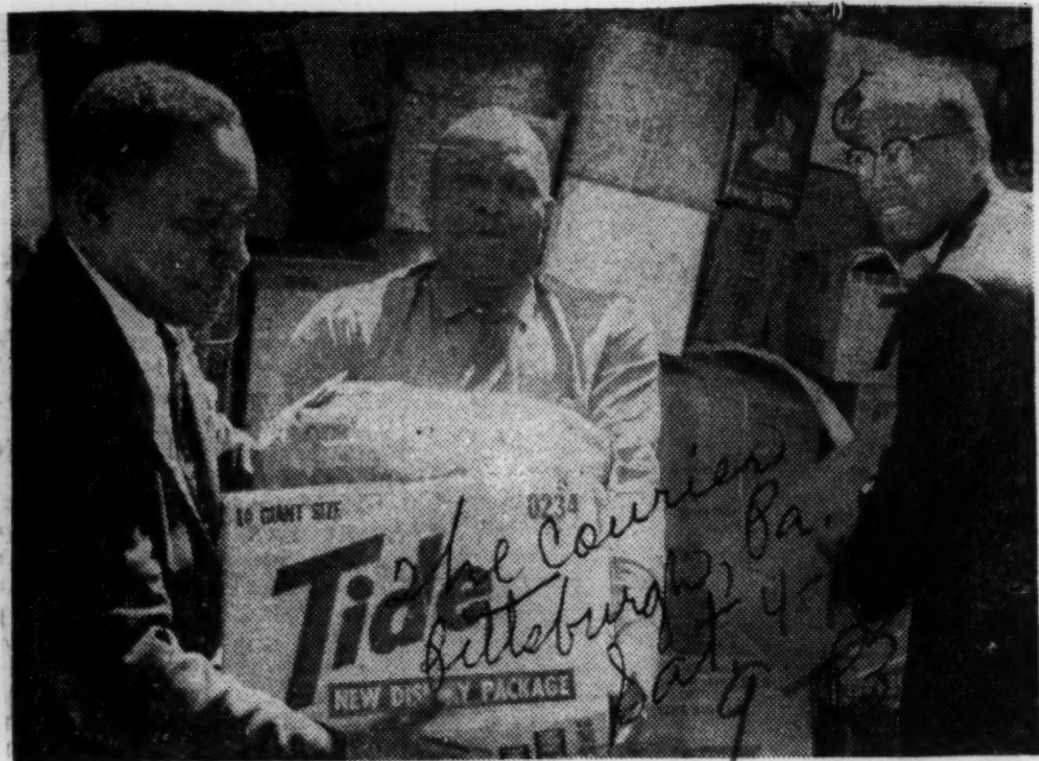
Fuqua said he had contacted a part owner of a restaurant where a group of Negro delegates sought service and had been told that they could be served in a private dining room. "That's not our business," he said.

Bishop Tucker and Mr. Crumlin, attorney for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Kentucky, said they could not go along with such an arrangement, saying they couldn't condone what they called mild discrimination. He added that the City had expedited sewer facilities for the Zion church to be ready for the convention. And he said a 30-unit housing project will be opened for Negroes late this year. A 70-unit project is being built for whites.

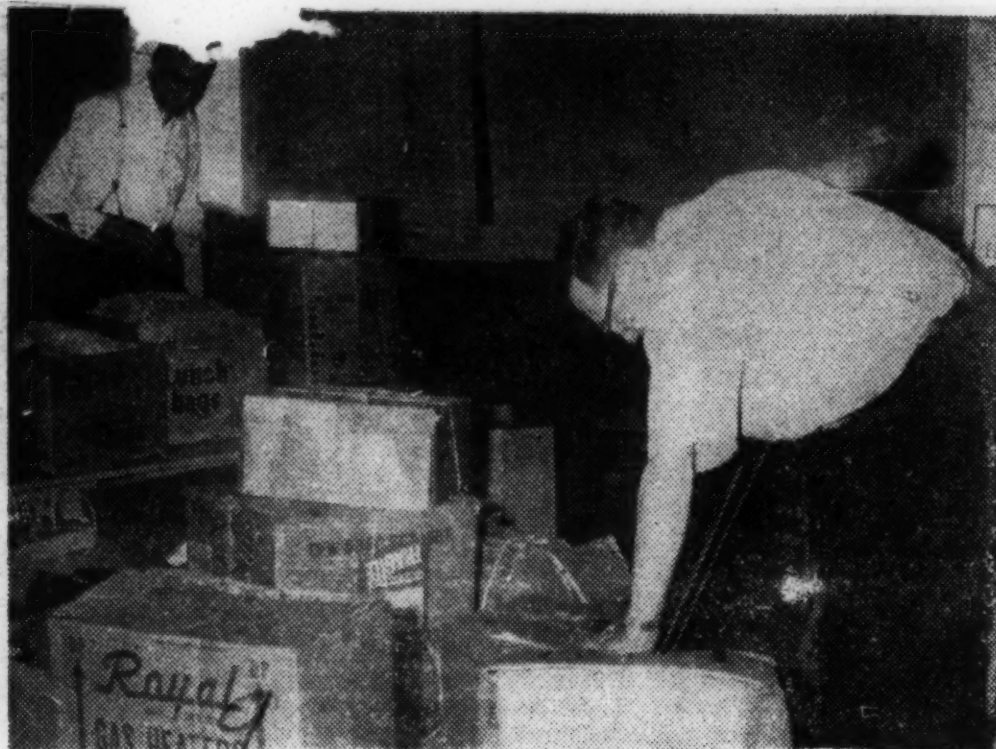
Mr. Crumlin said that about eight delegates had been, in effect, refused service at the restaurant Tuesday night. The Mayor said they had been of several hundred people are expected to attend the final day's program.

Conditions Crowded

Bishop Tucker said the 125 delegates, representing some 15,000 church members in Western and Central Kentucky, were being housed in private



AME CHURCHES TO THE RESCUE — African Methodist Episcopal churches of Louisiana and Mississippi aided flood sufferers in Hattiesburg, Miss., by delivering more than 10,000 pounds of clothing, plus \$500 in cash which was turned over by Bishop F. D. Jordan. At left, the Rev. G. R. Haughton, pastor, Pearl Street AME Church, Jackson, Miss.; the Rev. Joseph R. Pitts, center, pastor, St.



Paul AME Church, Bogalusa, La., and Bishop Jordan, right, New Orleans, presiding Bishop of the area, unload a truck at Hattiesburg. The right scene shows Walter Ross of St. Peter AME and the Rev. Ashton Jones, as they assemble supplies in the church. The Rev. Mr. Jones, a white minister, was jailed recently in Marshall, Tex., and Shreveport, La., for participating in integration movements.

Ga. AME's Pray Peace, Integration

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ATLANTA — A special noon-day prayer service for "peaceful integration of Atlanta schools" this fall was held at Cosmopolitan AME Church by the more than 400 ministers and delegates here for the 53rd session of the Christian Leadership Educational Congress of the AME Church in Georgia.

• Led by Bishop W. R. Wilkes, resident-bishop, assisted by Bishop S. L. Greene of Florida, and Bishop Carey A. Gibbs of the West Indies, the prayer also asked for "peace of mind during this period of stress and strain, a peaceful settlement, without the threat of thermo-

nuclear war in the Berlin crisis, and courage for Freedom Riders and sit-in demonstrators."

Bishop Wilkes stated that he did not believe in trying to use prayer as a political weapon. He said, "We should seriously and reverently ask God to prepare the hearts of all people."

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THE KEYNOTE sermon for the congress held earlier at the church was brought by Dr. Rufus King Young, pastor of Bethel AME Church, Little Rock, and the first Negro president of the Little Rock Ministerial Alliance.

He described the divided world of democracy and communism, race and color, caste and class, as a great challenge to Christian forces.

He offered, "Man's restored oneness in Christ" as the world answer, stating that "as sons of God, we can break through all limitations and divisions."

The speaker had come in place of Bishop O. L. Sherman of Arkansas and Oklahoma, who was detained by illness.

T'kegee church to host AME parley Oct. 25-29

Baltimore, Md.
TUSKEGEE, Ala. — The Rev. T. H. Brown will wind up four consecutive years as pastor of Washington Chapel AME Church when he hosts the 56th annual session of the East Alabama Conference Oct. 25-29.

Under his leadership, the membership at Washington Chapel has increased and the congregation has purchased an 18-acre site to erect a proposed \$100,000 edifice. Some \$45,000 has been raised for all purposes.



REV. BROWN

The Rt. Rev. I. H. Bonner, head of the Ninth Episcopal District and a bishop for 12 years, will preside over the opening session. The Rev. H. A. Hall of Montevallo is presiding elder.

President Howard Gray of Daniel Payne College, Birmingham, will deliver one of the major addresses during the five-day conference. Some 300 pastors, elders, and lay delegates are scheduled to attend.

AMEs Install I. H. Bonner As Bishops' Council Head

The Pittsburgh Courier
BIRMINGHAM—Bishop Isaiah H. Bonner, Selma, was installed as president of the Council of Bishops of the 1,200,000-member African Methodist Episcopal Church in services here at historic St. John AME Church, 7th Ave., and 15th St., N.



BISHOPS BONNER, GIBBS, AND GOMEZ

... segregation is not here to stay, "but to die" the induction ceremony.

He is the first native born Alabamian to serve the State as Episcopal supervisor and as president of the church's 19 bishops.

Bishop Frederick D. Jordan, Hollywood, who supervises Louisiana and Mississippi, delivered the induction sermon from the subject, "The Power of Renewal."

He advised that "faith in the availability of God as a source of renewal" is the way out of man's current dilemma in human social relations.

OUTGOING President, Bishop Joseph Gomez, Cleveland, Ohio, in his charge to the new president suggested that the AME church must continue to give to the Negro race a leadership that shall greatly accelerate the program of raising the status of the Negro race.

He praised the Negro people of the South for their courage adding a hopeful note that "segregation is not here to stay, but to die."

Bishop Carey A. Gibbs from the West Indies, former prelate of the State of Alabama shared in